WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, XENOPHOBIA AND RELATED INTOLERANCE

INFORMATION BROCHURE

Durban, South Africa
31 August-7 September 2001

United Nations

WCAR GENERAL CONFERENCE LAYOUT

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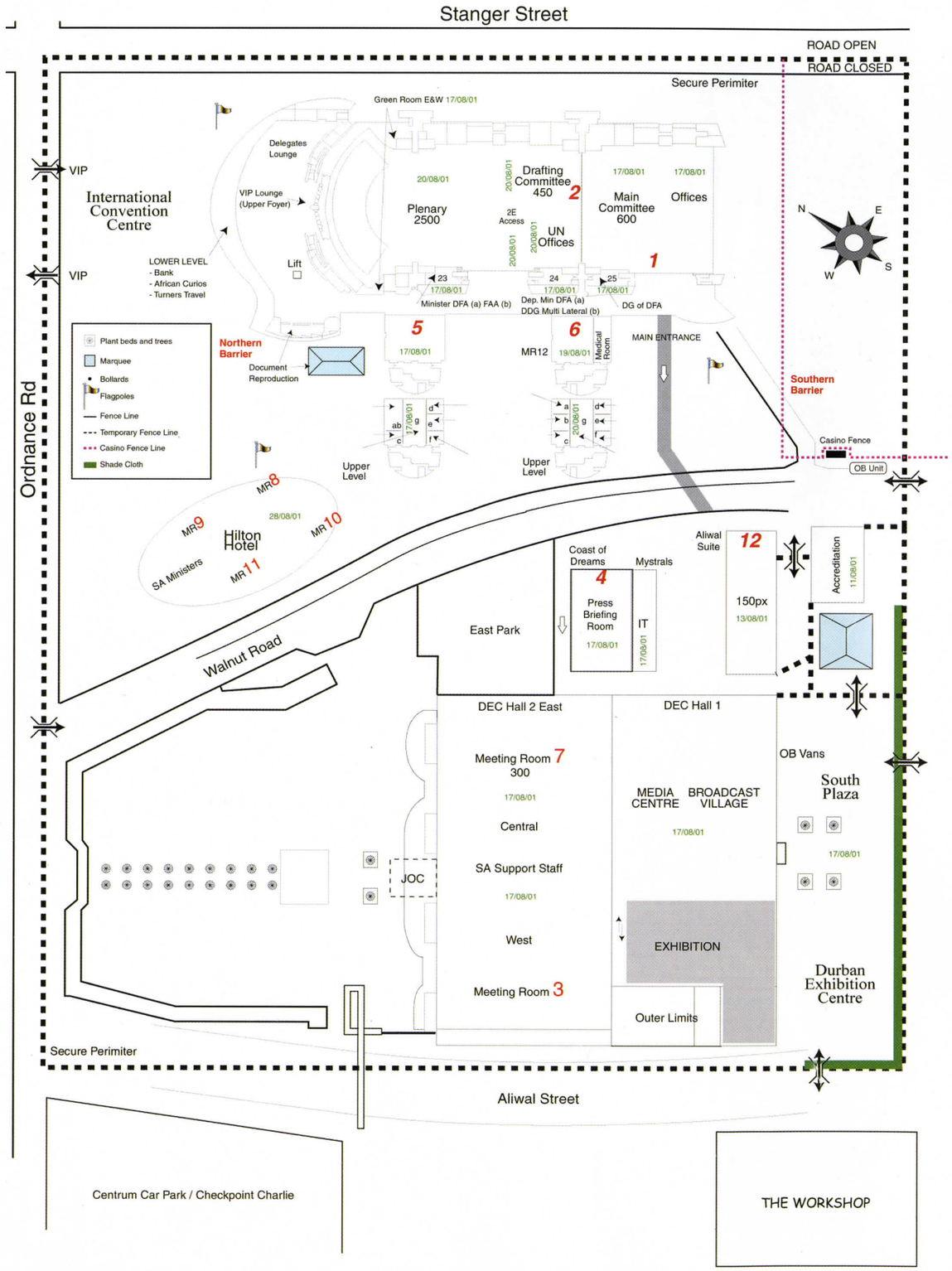

PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE

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1. Opening of the Conference
2. Election of the President
3. Opening addresses
4. Adoption of the rules of procedure
5. Election of the other officers of the Conference
6. Credentials of representatives to the Conference
(a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee
(b) Report of the Credentials Committee
7. Adoption of the agenda
8. Organization of work
9. Conference themes:
   - Sources, causes, forms and contemporary manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.
   - Victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.
   - Measures of prevention, education and protection aimed at the eradication of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance at the national, regional and international levels.
   - Provision of effective remedies, recourse, redress, [compensatory]* and other measures at the national, regional and international levels.
   - Strategies to achieve full and effective equality, including international cooperation and enhancement of United Nations and other international mechanisms in combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and follow-up.
10. Adoption of the final document and the report of the Conference.

* The square brackets in item 9, fourth sub-item, indicate that consensus has not been reached on the word 'compensatory'.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE

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Thursday, August 30

16:00 - 18:00
Informal meeting of the General Committee/Bureau

Friday, August 31

9:30 - 9:50
Opening ceremony (Plenary Hall)
Cultural activity: Dance programme by Ballet Theatre Afrikan

10:00 - 11:30
Opening session (Plenary Hall)

Items 1 to 3:
Opening statement of the Secretary General;
Opening address by the President of South Africa;
Election of the President of the World Conference;
Introductory statement by the President of the World Conference;
Statement by the President of the General Assembly;
Statement by the Secretary General of the World Conference

15 minute suspension

11:45 - 13:00
Plenary (Plenary Hall)

Item 4: Adoption of the Rules of Procedure
Item 5: Election of other Officers
Item 6(a): Establishment of the Credentials Committee
Item 7: Adoption of the Agenda
Item 8: Organization of work – Establishment of the Main Committee and the Drafting Committee

15:00 - 18:00
Roundtable of Heads of State/Heads of Government (Plenary Hall)
Main Committee (Room No. 1) followed by the Drafting Committee

18:00 - 21:00
Drafting Committee
- Working Group on the Draft Declaration (Room 1)
- Working Group on the Draft Programme of Action (Room 2)

Saturday, 1 September

9:00 - 10:00
Meeting of the General Committee/Bureau*
* Subject to change.
* The General Committee will meet thereafter as and when required.

10:00 - 13:00
Plenary (Plenary Hall)

Item 9: General Statements
Drafting Committee
- Working Group on the Draft Declaration (Room 1)
- Working Group on the Draft Programme of Action (Room 2)

15:00 - 18:00
Plenary

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- Working Group on the Draft Declaration (Room 1)
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18:00 - 21:00
Plenary
Item 9: General Statements

18:00 - 24:00
South African concert

Sunday, 2 September

10:00 - 13:00
Plenary

Item 9: General Statements
Drafting Committee
- Working Group on the Draft Declaration (Room 1)
- Working Group on the Draft Programme of Action (Room 2)

15:00 - 18:00
Idem

18:00 - 21:00
Plenary
Item 9: General Statements

Monday, 3 September

10:00 - 13:00
Plenary

Item 9: General Statements
Drafting Committee
- Working Group on the Draft Declaration (Room 1)
- Working Group on the Draft Programme of Action (Room 2)

15:00 - 18:00
Idem

18:00 - 21:00
Plenary
Item 9: General Statements

Tuesday, 4 September

10:00 - 13:00
Plenary

Item 9: General Statements
Drafting Committee
- Working Group on the Draft Declaration (Room 1)
- Working Group on the Draft Programme of Action (Room 2)

12:00 - 13:00
Drafting Committee followed by:
Main Committee

15:00 - 18:00
Plenary

Item 9: General Statements
Drafting Committee
- Working Group on the Draft Declaration (Room 1)
- Working Group on the Draft Programme of Action (Room 2)

18:00 - 21:00
Plenary
Item 9: General Statements

Wednesday, 5 September

10:00 - 13:00
Plenary
Item 9: General Statements

15:00 - 18:00
Idem

18:00 - 21:00
Plenary
Item 9: General Statements

Thursday, 6 September

10:00 - 13:00
Plenary

Item 9: General Statements
Drafting Committee
- Working Group on the Draft Declaration (Room 1)
- Working Group on the Draft Programme of Action (Room 2)

15:00 - 18:00
Idem

18:00 - 21:00
Plenary
Item 9: General statements

Friday, 7 September

10:00 - 13:00
Drafting Committee followed by:
Main Committee
Credentials Committee
Item6(b) - Report

15:00 - 16:00

Closing session
Item 10:
Adoption of the Declaration and the Programme of Action
Adoption of the Report of the Conference

16:00 - 17:00
Closing ceremony
Cultural activity: Musical programme by the Center for Jazz

WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST RACISM

PARALLEL EVENTS IN DURBAN

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Friday, 31 August

Room 7 (11.00-13.00)	'War-affected Children and Racism: Challenges and Prospects for Prevention?'-Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict panel
Room 7 (13.00-16.00)	'Early Warning and the Resolution of Racially-Motivated Conflicts - The Role of National Institutions' – United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/ South Africa Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) panel
Room 3 (14.00-16.00)	'Discrimination in Adolescent Reproductive Health' – United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) panel
Room 3 (16.00-18.00)	Workshops on the NGO consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) – ECOSOC Division/NGO Section of Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (16.00-18.00) *(Continues on 1 September and 4 September)*
Room 7 (16.30-18.00)	'Discrimination is Everybody's Business - Global Compact High-Level Dialogue'

Saturday, 1 September

Room 3 (10.00-13.00 and 15.00-18.00)	'Cooperation for the Better Protection of the Rights of Minorities'- Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) international seminar *(Continues on 2 September and 5 September)*
Room 7 (10.00-13.00)	'Discrimination is Everybody's Business – A Multi-Stakeholder Workshop'- A business initiative by Volvo Car Corporation
Room 3 (13.00-15.00)	'Indigenous Media Dialogue' - OHCHR panel
Room 7 (13.00-15.00)	'An Exploration of the Convergences between Racism and Religious Belief, with Particular Emphasis on Islamophobia' - Al-Khoei Foundation panel
Int. Convention Centre, Room 1 (13.15-14.45)	The Voices of Victims: Human stories of racial discrimination with firsthand accounts from every region of the world - International Human Rights Law Group (IHRLG) in co-operation with SAHRC, treaty bodies and national human rights institutions *(Daily until Thursday, 6 September.)*
Room 7 (15.00-18.00)	Eminent Personalities on 'The Impact of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance on Sustainable Development' - UNDP panel
Room 3 (18.00-20.30)	Workshops on the NGO consultative status with ECOSOC– ECOSOC Division/NGO Section of DESA *(Continues on 4 September)*

Sunday, 2 September

Room 7 (9.00-12.30 and 14.00-18.30)	'Action of Parliaments and their Members in the Fight against Racism' - Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)/ South African Parliament one-day parliamentary meeting
Room 3 (10.00-13.00)	'Co-operation for the Better Protection of the Rights of Minorities' - OHCHR international seminar *(Continues on 5 September)*
Room 3 (13.00-15.00)	'Addressing Racism through Peace Education and Conflict Resolution- Lessons from Experience' - United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) panel
Int. Convention Centre, Room 1 (13.15-14.45)	The Voices of Victims - IHRLG in co-operation with SAHRC, treaty bodies and national human rights institutions *(Daily until Thursday, 6 September)*

Sun, 2 Sept. cont

Room 3 (15.00-16.30)	'Impact of Multiple Forms of Discrimination on Women' - OHCHR/ Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW) roundtable
Room 3 (17:00 -18:00)	'The Intersectionality of Gender and Race Discrimination' - OHCHR panel (17:00 -18:00)

Monday, 3 September

Room 7 (9.00-13.15 and 15.00-18.15)	'Racism and Public Policy' - United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) conference *(Continues on 4 September and 5 September)*
Room 3 (10.00-12.00)	'The New Aspects of Racism in the Age of Globalization and the Gene Revolution' - United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) panel
Room 3 (12.00-14.30)	'Denied a Future? The Right to Education of Roma, Gypsy and Traveler Children' - Save the Children panel
Room 7 (13.00-15.00)	'Indigenous Peoples and Crisis: Approaches and Strategies for Building Peace' – UNDP/American Friends Service Committee roundtable
Int. Convention Centre, Room 1 (13.15-14.45)	The Voices of Victims - IHRLG in co-operation with SAHRC, treaty bodies and national human rights institutions *(Daily until Thursday, 6 September)*
Room 3 (15.00-18.00)	'Elements of a Global Alliance against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance: Roles and Responsibilities of the Human Rights Treaty Bodies, National Human Rights Institutions and Other Relevant Institutions' - OHCHR panel

Tuesday, 4 September

Dbn. Royal Hotel (Yellowwood Rm) (9.00-12.15 and 14.00-17.30)	'Racism and Public Policy' - UNRISD conference *(Continues on 5 September)*
Room 7 (10.30-13.00)	'Child's Right to Education: the WCAR and the General Assembly Special Session on Children' - OHCHR/UNICEF/Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) event
Room 3 (11.00-12.00)	'Root Causes of Racial Discrimination and Impact on Peace-Building' - United Nations University for Peace roundtable
Room 3 (12.00-15.00)	Workshops on the NGO consultative status with ECOSOC – ECOSOC Division/NGO Section of DESA
Room 7 (13.00-15.00)	'Discrimination is Everybody's Business – Implementing Equality and Diversity Policies: Private Sector Action' - International Labour Office (ILO)/OHCHR panel
Int. Convention Centre, Room 1 (13.15-14.45)	The Voices of Victims - IHRLG in co-operation with SAHRC, treaty bodies and national human rights institutions *(Daily until Thursday, 6 September)*
Room 3 (15.00-17.00)	'Voices of Indigenous Women' - OHCHR roundtable, including Secretary General of the World Conference and High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson

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4 Sept. cont.	Room 7 (16.00-18.00)	'The Slave Route: Slavery and Racism' - UNESCO panel
Wednesday, 5 September	Dbn. Royal Hotel (Yellowwood Rm) (9.00-12.15)	'Racism and Public Policy' – UNRISD conference
	Room 7 (10.00-12.00)	'Indigenous Issues' - OHCHR roundtable
	Room 3 (11.00-13.00)	'Exploring the Link: HIV/AIDS, Stigma, Discrimination and Racism' - Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)/World Health Organisation (WHO)/OHCHR panel
	Room 7 (12.00-15.00)	'Gender, Race and Ethnicity: Women at the Intersection of Peace, Justice and Human Rights' - United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) panel
	Int. Convention Centre, Room 1 (13.15-14.45)	The Voices of Victims - IHRLG in co-operation with SAHRC, treaty bodies and national human rights institutions *(Daily until Thursday, 6 September)*
	Room 3 (13.30-16.00)	'Racism and the Impact and Role of Media' - OHCHR and UNESCO in co-operation with the International Council on Human Rights Policy (ICHRP) and International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) roundtable
	Room 7 (15.00-18.00)	'Co-operation for the better protection of the rights of minorities' - OHCHR international seminar
Thursday, 6 September	Room 3 (10.00-13.00)	'The Millennium African Recovery Plan - Overcoming the Legacy of Racism' - SAHRC panel
	Room 7 (11.00-13.00)	'Discrimination in Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights' - UNFPA panel
	Room 7 (13.00-15.00)	'Race and Gender Within the Context of CEDAW' - UNIFEM panel
	Int. Convention Centre, Room 1 (13.15-14.45)	The Voices of Victims - IHRLG in co-operation with SAHRC, treaty bodies and national human rights institutions *(Daily until Thursday, 6 September)*
	Room 3 (15.00-19.00)	'Strategies to Combat Racism: A South African Case Study' - SAHRC panel
Friday, 7 September	Room 7 (9.00-12.00)	'Racism and the Administration of Justice' - SAHRC panel

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

A. Dates and venue

The World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, composed of a plenary, a main committee and a drafting committee, will take place in Durban, South Africa, from 31 August to 7 September 2001. All three committees will convene at the International Conference Centre (ICC). The NGO Forum due to take place prior to the Conference from 28 August to 1 September 2001, will be held in the Kingsmead Cricket Stadium.

B. Accommodation

Accommodation is limited for participants in Durban. In order to facilitate bookings for accommodation, a travel coordinator has been appointed to assist the Host Government. The details are as follows:
Ms. Nicky Gild
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C. Accreditation, registration and access to venues

1. Accreditation
The World Conference is open to all States, representatives of all regional organizations and regional commissions involved in the preparation of regional meetings as well as associate members of the regional commissions, representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observers, representatives of the specialized agencies, the secretariats of the regional commissions and all United Nations bodies and programmes, representatives of all United Nations mechanisms in the field of human rights, national human rights institutions which shall be represented by observers, and non-governmental organizations which shall be represented by observers.

2. Registration
All participants are required to submit a duly completed Conference registration form and to attach two (2) passport-size photographs. Each photograph should bear the full name of the participant on the back. Accreditation for spouses will be processed on an ad hoc basic on site in South Africa. Please note that United Nations identification badges for Geneva, New York, Vienna and Nairobi will not be valid for the World Conference.

On-site accreditation during the World Conference will take place at Hall 6 of the Durban Exhibition Centre (DEC), adjacent to the ICC. The accreditation office will be open daily from 8.00 until 20.00 from 25 August to 7 September. Participants will be required to complete a Conference registration form, which shall be presented to the accrediting officers of the Conference secretariat. Once accreditation has been approved participants will have photographs taken and their badges produced inside the Hall 6 area. Participants who observe the pre-accreditation deadline may proceed directly to claim their photo-identification participant badge.

3 Access to venues
All participants will be issued with a photo identification badge allowing access to Conference venues. For security reasons, this pass must be visible at all times.

D. Security arrangements

The United Nations Security and Safety Service and the Host Government will together be responsible for the security arrangements of all persons while they are within the ICC, (including DEC) which will become United Nations premises for the duration of the Conference.

E. NGO Forum

An NGO Forum associated with the World Conference takes place from 28 August to 3 September at the Kingsmead Cricket Stadium in Durban. Individuals and organizations can participate in the NGO Forum by registering with the Forum secretariat. Registration costs are US$ 100 per individual. Organizations do not have to be accredited to the World Conference in order for their representatives to participate in the NGO Forum.

F. Youth Summit

The Youth Summit Opening Ceremony takes place on 26 August and will continue until 28 August at the Holiday Inn Elangeni. The Youth Summit is organised by the South African NGO Coalition (SANGOCO), together with the International Youth Committee. More than 500 young adults (under 30 years of age), representing all geographical regions, are expected to participate in the Summit to discuss issues of particular concern to them in the struggle against racism. They will elaborate a Youth Statement and Plan of Action that will be presented at the NGO Forum and the World Conference. Individuals wishing to participate in the Youth Summit must be registered for the NGO Forum. There are no additional costs but a separate registration is required.

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G. Media arrangements and services

1. Media facilities

A Media Centre is located in the Durban Exhibition Centre at the Conference site. The Media Centre has facilities for the use of all media representatives accredited to cover the Conference. Facilities for journalists include a limited number of computer workstations with Internet access available on a first-come first-served basis and a broadcast village for radio and television journalists.

2. Copies of statements for the press

Delegations wishing to make the statement of their head of delegation available to the press should bring a minimum of 200 copies to the Information Desk in the Media Centre inside the DEC building.
The proceedings of the Plenary and other activities in the Conference building (the International Convention Centre) will be broadcast live into the Media Centre on large screens. Audio-visual and sound feeds of the Plenary, press conferences and other events will be provided to broadcasters live on request, free of charge. A documents distribution counter will provide journalists with all Conference documents as well as copies of daily press releases in English and French covering the main activities of the conference. These will also be made available electronically on the conference website: www.un.org/wcar

A Media Information Desk located inside the main entrance to the Media Centre will be staffed throughout the Conference by the United Nations Department of Public Information to answer all logistical and other questions of the media.

Press conferences and a daily press briefing by the Spokeswoman for the Conference will be held in the press conference room located in the Coast of Dreams building next to the Durban Exhibition Centre. The schedule of press conferences and other activities will be issued daily and will also be available on the Conference website. To book a press conference please contact the Media Information Desk at the Conference site.

Inquiries concerning media arrangements please contact the Media Information Desk at the Conference site.

3. Accreditation

Media representatives are encouraged to apply for accreditation before the Conference. The accreditation form with instructions is available at www.un.org/wcar

Passes are being issued at the Conference site in Durban from 24 August onwards. In addition to the application and the letter of assignment, journalists, once accredited, will also be required to present two forms of photo ID (such as passport, official national press pass, driver's licence, work ID) to receive their passes.

On-site accreditation is going on as of 24 August at the World Conference against Racism Accreditation Office, Durban, South Africa
Tel.: (27-31) 360 1279
Fax: (27-31) 360 1281

4. Statements for the debate in the Plenary

Delegations are kindly requested to submit an electronic version of their official statement to the plenary in as many language versions as possible. If the electronic version is received in advance, it will be possible for the text to appear on the United Nations Web site: www.un.org/wcar/, alongside the live Webcast as the delegates are speaking. Please send the electronic version, in WORD or WordPerfect format to DPI@un.int. In the event that the electronic version is not available, the printed version will be used. Copies should be delivered to the Information Desk at the Media Centre inside the DEC building.

5. Press Conferences

All press conferences will be held in the Coast of Dreams building adjacent to the Media Centre. Delegations wishing to schedule a press conference should contact the Office of the Spokeswoman for the Conference at the Information Desk in the Media Centre inside the DEC building. A list of press conferences will be announced daily. The Spokeswoman for the Conference starting 31 August will hold daily briefings at 12 noon. The High Commissioner for Human Rights and Secretary-General of the Conference will hold a press conference at 3pm on Thursday 30 August to be followed by a technical briefing to explain the organisation of the Conference and services provided for the media.

6. General Information

For additional press information including press releases, background material, information about the negotiations, suggestions for interviews and other related assistance, contact the Information Desk in the Media Centre inside the DEC building.

7. Host country information

Information on visas, accommodation and inoculations can be found on the Government of South Africa's web site at www.racism.gov.za

DURBAN CITY MAP

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